BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay –present; Mr. Margraf- absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Margraf, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendatoin by Ms. Garay to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2015, November 5, 2015, November 19, 2015 and December 3, 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Request for advertising dates of June 30, 2016 and July 7, 2016 with a bid opening of July 28, 2016 for the 4th District Van Buren Avenue Project. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (2838)

Contract with Rex Construction Company, Inc. for the 6th District Local Street Project – Street and Sidewalk Improvements on Orchard Drive from Kennedy Avenue to Arkansas Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised the cost to the City is $695,666.55. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-451)

Correspondence received from the Engineering Department requesting $920,000 from Councilman Mark Kalwinski for the Overlay Program. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-452)

Correspondence received from Gary Material Supply, LLC requesting to reset dates for work at 5620 Sohl Avenue to close Hyles Avenue June 27 through 29, 2016 and Sohl Street July 6 through 8, 2016. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-453)

Correspondence received from Unilever requesting a parking exception for the week of July 4, 2016 through July 11, 20136 for Calumet Avenue north of Indianapolis Boulevard due to maintenance shutdown. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-454)

Correspondence received from Chief John Doughty approving the request to reroute J.F. Mahoney Drive one (1) way east on Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., approval of a block party on the 800 block of Logan Street and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-455)

City of Hammond Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Insurance Service Agreement with Professional Claims Management, Inc. for services from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-456)

Emergency Demolition for property located at 959 Michigan Street. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Inspections Department, said there have been two (2) fires at this location, State

Farm Insurance has authorized the demolition and has sent a check to cover the cost to the homeowner who will no sign the check over to the City to pay for the demolition has not yet been completed. Mr. Prieto requested permission to proceed with the demolition. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to proceed with the demolition; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-457)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1619 173rd Place. Property owner appears, said his parents lived at this location from 2013 to April of this year and has a lease with new tenants. Mr. Prieto said the property owner owes for 2016. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-458)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3942 Towle Avenue. Property owner appears, said that he was not aware of rental registration and that he became aware of it when he received a collection letter from Smith Sersic, then sent a letter to Judge Harkin because he was told by "someone" that was the next step in the process. Mr. Prieto said the water bill, which contains information regarding the fee, is sent to the tenants address. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee for 2016 with rental registration at $5 per unit and to impose the late fee for 2015 of $500 with rental registration at $5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-459)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1050 Moss Street. Property owner appears and said she mailed a check for 2016 dated April 8, 20116 but is was delivered to the Inspections Department after the cutoff date and returned Mr. Prieto confirmed rental registration was paid timely in other years. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-460)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6940 Alabama Avenue. Property owner appears, said he lives in one (1)unit, payment for 2016 slipped his mind and he has always paid in the past. Mr. Prieto confirmed rental registration has always been paid timely and there have been no police issues at this location. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 for 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-461)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3435 Orchard Drive and 3353 Orchard Drive. Property owner appears by Mr. John Cruse, a member of the church at this location, who said payment slipped his mind and rental registration has been paid timely in the past. Mr. Prieto confirmed rental registration has been paid timely in the past. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-462)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on July 28, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-463)

Correspondence received from Construction-CAD Solutions, Inc. requesting permission to work in the right of way at Calumet Avenue and Sheffield Avenue. Mr. Dostatni said more information is needed prior to approval of the request. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-464)

Correspondence received from Harbor Group, Inc. regarding the biohazardous cleanup at 6817 Baring Avenue. Mr. Prieto said the interior of the house is covered with cat feces which would require biohazard clean up prior to demolition. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Chief of Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney for review; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-465)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, recommending painting the west side of the curb yellow from 7446 Harrison Avenue south to the stop sign and placing a four (4) way stop sign at 170th and Jackson Avenue for a ninety (90) day trial. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-466)

Request for advertising dates of June 28, 29 and 30, 2016 with a hearing date of August 4, 2016 for the Blight Elimination Program – Notice of Successful Application and Hearing. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-467)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Port Authority requesting permission to hold fireworks on the 4th of July and at the Venetian Night Saturday, August 6, 2016. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-468)

Correspondence from Ms. Soledad Ramirez requesting street closure on the 800 block of Eaton Street, Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a birthday party. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to send this matter to the Hammond Police Department for approval; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-469)

Correspondence received from Ms. Thomasina Satterlee requesting permission to hold a block party on the 4th of July on the 6300 block of California Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to send this matter to the Hammond Police Department for approval; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-470)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gus Moreno requesting permission to hold a block party on the 4th of July on the 6700 block of Rhode Island Avenue from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to send this matter to the Hammond Police Department for approval; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-471)

Correspondence received from the Apostolic House of Prayer Women's Department requesting permission to hold a Community Day on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to send this matter to the Hammond Police Department for approval; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-472)

Correspondence received from the HC3 Board of Directors requesting permission to hold a sidewalk sale and festival Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-473)

Correspondence from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski allocating $110,000 and 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs allocating $72,912 of district funds for park improvements. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-474)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-475)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Indiana Harbor Belt Trail – Downtown Hammond to the Indiana Toll Road and Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad to Kosciusko Boulevard for engineering services at a cost of $480,306. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-476)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting approval for the residents of 6135 Noble Avenue to hold a block party on July 1, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Recommendation by Ms. Garay subject to approval by the Hammond Police Department; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-477)

Notification received from the Law Department of the purchase of a new copier. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 16-478)

Correspondence received from the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District requesting permission for temporary road closure on Johnson Avenue from July 5, 2016 through July 15, 2016 for track repair. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-479)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Recommendation by Ms. Garay to adjourn; Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary